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Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated January 14, 2008, setting a shortened three-month statutory period for response to expire on April 14, 2008, Applicants respectfully request entry of the present amendments, and reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections in view of the herein contained amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.